



**Child Health Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**May 21, 2015**

**Freeway Medical Building**

**Room 906**

**Attendees:** Barbara Kumpe, Brett Stone, Carole Garner, Charlotte Davis, Don Johnson, Elton Cleveland, Joanne McLendon, Paula Smith, and Rosemary Rodibaugh

**Absentees:** Aaron Strong, Angie Drummond, Cindy Hogue, Connie Whitfield, Heather Rouse, Marquita Little, Martha Phillips, Michelle R. Smith, Pamela Dixon, Patricia Scott, and Steve Anderson

**Staff:** Kate Loyd & Joy Rockenbach

**Next Meeting:** July 16, 2015

**Meeting Called to Order**

The Vice Chair, Brett Stone, called the meeting to order and made introductions. He noted that the committee quorum was not established so no official votes could take place.

## **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and Brett suggested changes to the minutes. The suggestions were for the *Legislative Re-cap* to be removed, editing and removal of some material from the fourth to last paragraph, and rephrasing in the second and third to last paragraphs. As a quorum was never established, the proposed minute changes could not be voted on.

## **Presentation: Child Health Report**

The *Child Health Report* was brought to the floor and discussion ensued on the addition of a more broadened report, the revisal of the parent BMI letter, and the utilization of E-School Plus to gather data. Paula Smith suggested that E-School Plus would allow schools to have easier access to data on vision, hearing, height, and weight and would be easier to create a cumulative report for each child. There was discussion on changing the BMI letter that parents receive as to make it more specific for overweight, normal weight, and underweight children. Also Paula suggested making it easier for parents to access information about BMI and maintaining a healthy weight by putting links to helpful websites on each school's webpage.

## **Old Business: Legislative Follow-up Act 1444- School Nurses**

The House Bill 1444 was concerned with the standards for school nurses, such as nurse education and student to nurse ratios, but it did not pass. House Bill 1444 would require all newly hired school nurses to have a baccalaureate in nursing by 2020, while the current nursing staff could be maintained under the leadership of a BSN. The requirements for this legislation could be met using some NSLA funding. The problem with the proposed bill was mostly financial for those in the opposition as they could not determine a direct source of funding. Another point of the opposition was

that the potential mandate could indirectly cause experienced employees to be terminated because they lacked a baccalaureate in nursing.

## **New Business**

### **❖ Meeting with Department of Education**

The committee discussed meeting with the Commissioner of the Department Of Education, Mr. Key, tentatively during August and will discuss this more at future meetings. The committee came to the consensus that in addition to the Commissioner of the Department Of Education that the Director of the Department of Health, the Chair of the Board of Education, and the Chair of the Board of Health should meet with the Chair and Vice Chair of CHAC.

### **❖ Appointments and Re-appointments an Update**

There are seven people whose positions expire in June and have all been contacted by Joy Rockenbach. Of the seven, Brett, Joanne, and Carol have agreed to serve another term. After 12 years, Charlotte has decided to step down and has recommended a replacement. Steve is still waiting to hear word from the Arkansas Association of Education Administration as to his position, and currently there is no word from Connie. Also the Arkansas Heart Association has yet to decide who will replace Barbara as their representative in the committee. Joy will have these completed by the July meeting.

### **❖ Nominations and Elections**

The Vice Chair, Brett Stone was nominated for Chair and he accepted. The following were nominations for Vice Chair: Heather Rouse, Marquita Little, and Rosemary Rodibaugh.

### **❖ June Meeting**

There will be no June meeting by call of the chair. Elections will occur electronically as a quorum was not established in May. The Commissioner of the Department Of Education, Director

of the Department of Health, the Chair of the Board of Education, and the Chair of the Board of Health will be contacted and the finalized dates for the meeting with the Chair and Vice Chair of CHAC will be set.

❖ **Orientation Schedule**

Barbara Kumpe suggested that the orientation occur before the next meeting at nine in the morning and the meeting commence at ten o'clock. The orientation schedule however, will be discussed more thoroughly through email once the elections have been completed electronically.

The meeting adjourned at 11:06 am.